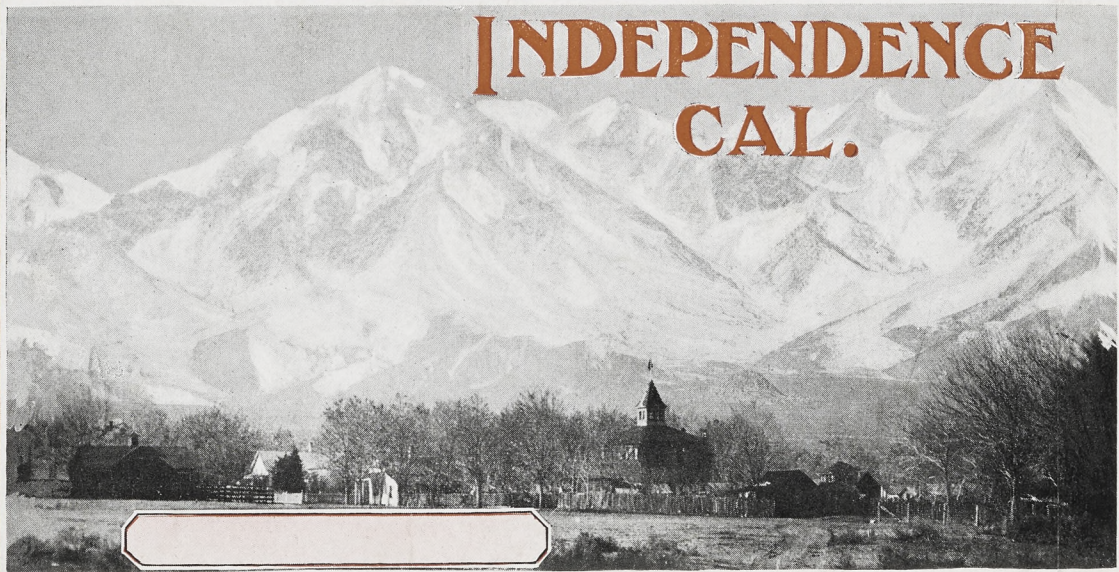
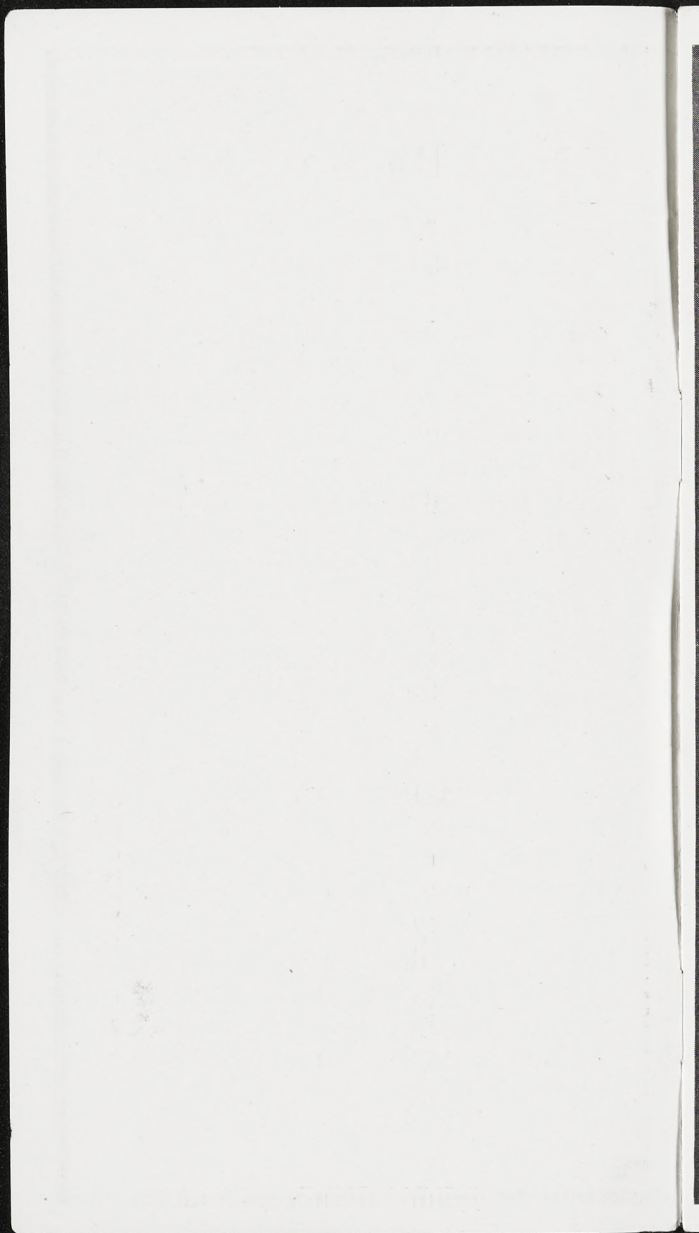


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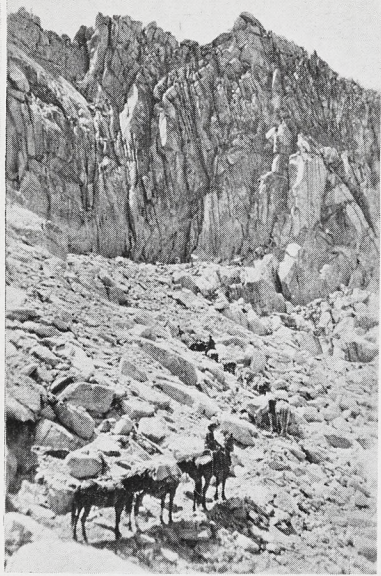
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“THE GATEWAY TO THE HIGH SIERRAS”

THE scenery of California, since the rush of the Argonauts for gold, is its most valuable asset in alluring visitors to its domain. From end to end of its almost one thousand miles is strung a chain of eye-pleasing pictures that have made the name California a symposium for poets and painters to rave over. The advent of the automobile as a means of sight seeing has made it easy for the traveling public to reach these scenic grandeurs.

Standing out in conspicuous superiority to all other nature wonders are the scenes in and around Independence, the County seat of Inyo County, more correctly speaking “Owens Valley.”

Lying at the foot of the eastern slope of the “Sierras” Independence is well named the gateway to the Switzerland of America—the masterpiece of the Deity.



GARDNER
SUMMIT



"On Kearsarge Trail, the Lowest Pass Entering
the 'Sierras' "



"One of Many Camping Spots"

THE High Sierras are full of vast forests and mountain streams running down into lakes in the center of level valleys, covered with a luxurious growth of grasses, high ferns, wild roses, laurel and wild sage, with wild life looking at you from all sides, from the tiny chipmunk running up the tree, chattering all the way, to the giant old grizzly eyeing you from a distance across the marble basin.



"In Our Mountains Are Deer, Bear, Mountain Lions,
Grouse and Quail"

FROM one end of our County to the other in the High Sierras there are over 500 lakes fed by mountain streams, all abounding with either Rainbow, Lochleven, Eastern Brook or Golden Trout, making a perfect Fisherman's Paradise—only four





"The Home of the Rainbow"

miles apart—at same time enjoying the scenic grandeur of those lofty mountains, unequaled in any other part of the country and only a few miles ride from Los Angeles or San Francisco.



"Where the Big Ones Are"



Alfalfa Field and Orchard

ALFAFA occupies the first place among the industries and has never been equalled by any in which it has come in competition. Three cuttings, with a yield of seven tons to the acre being the average production.

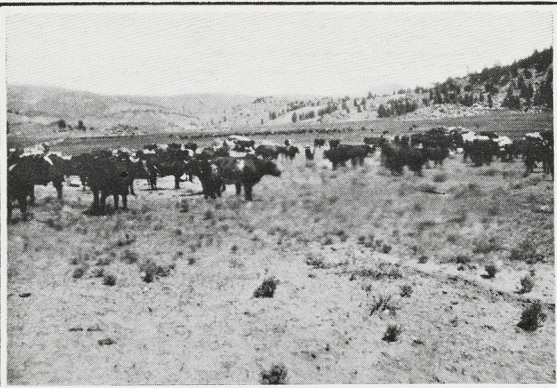
On a 120 acre farm there was produced during one year:

1250.....	Sacks of Corn
572.....	“ “ Wheat
580.....	“ “ Barley
90.....	“ “ Oats
400.....	“ “ Potatoes
100.....	Tons “ Hay

The growing community of Manzanar, 6 miles south of Independence, has orchards of Winesap apples that are ten years old. In year 1920 a two acre tract produced 9 tons; a seven acre tract 22 tons and a twelve acre tract 40 tons.

These apples sold for \$75.00 a ton, on the ground; were placed in cold storage in Los Angeles, taken out in the late spring and topped the market thruout the season.

Two leading varieties took first prize at annual fruit exhibit at University of California.



STOCK raising in Owens Valley, has long been one of its principal sources of revenue.

The fine quality of the alfalfa and grasses grown here, favorable climate, pure water, with mountain range, guarantee to the stock raiser that perfection only obtained under most favorable conditions. Approximately 25,000 head of cattle, mostly Durhams and Herefords, are owned by the Cattlemen's Association of Inyo County.

This country is also the best in the world for the raising of hogs, cholera among them being unknown.

THE soil, climate and altitude are especially favorable for the growing of pears and grapes, and with a sky seldom clouded during the growing and ripening season, all the common garden and field vegetation grow to perfection.



The altitude, ranging from 3000 to 4500 feet, coupled with the crisp winters and the clear sunny summers, produces an apple that for size, color and flavor keenly rivals the best product of Washington, Colorado or Oregon.

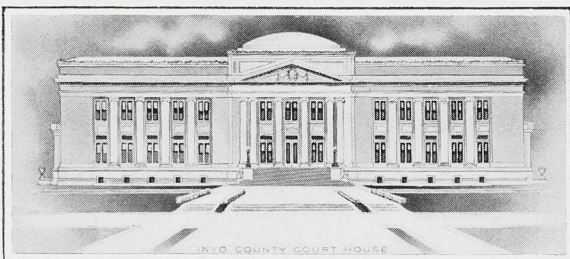
BEES have a large range of feed. The foothills abounding in wild flowers and the valley in fruit bloom, wild roses, alfalfa and sweet clover make a blend of honey that gives Owens Valley fame.

Certificate and gold medal awarded for comb honey at Portland Exposition and 1st prize at Mid-Winter Fair at San Francisco is evidence more conclusive than any argument as to the merits of different honey producing sections. Over 1,000 cases were shipped from Independence in 1920.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SPORTSMAN.

Two pack train Liveries—supplying more pack animals than all the other towns of the valley. Three general merchandise stores carrying everything you could desire at city prices.

Two commodious Hotels. Fine meals at reasonable rates. Two modern fireproof Garages with expert mechanics. Ice Plant and Meat Market. Ice Cream Parlor, Drug Store, Barber Shop and Furniture Store—which makes Independence a thriving and up-to-date village.



Inyo Co. is free from debt and has just completed a \$200,000.00 Court House without a Bond issue.

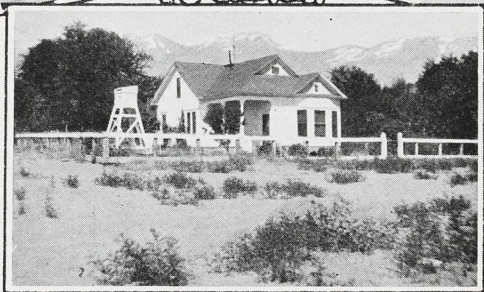
The tax rate is only \$1.70 per hundred.



U. S. Land Office



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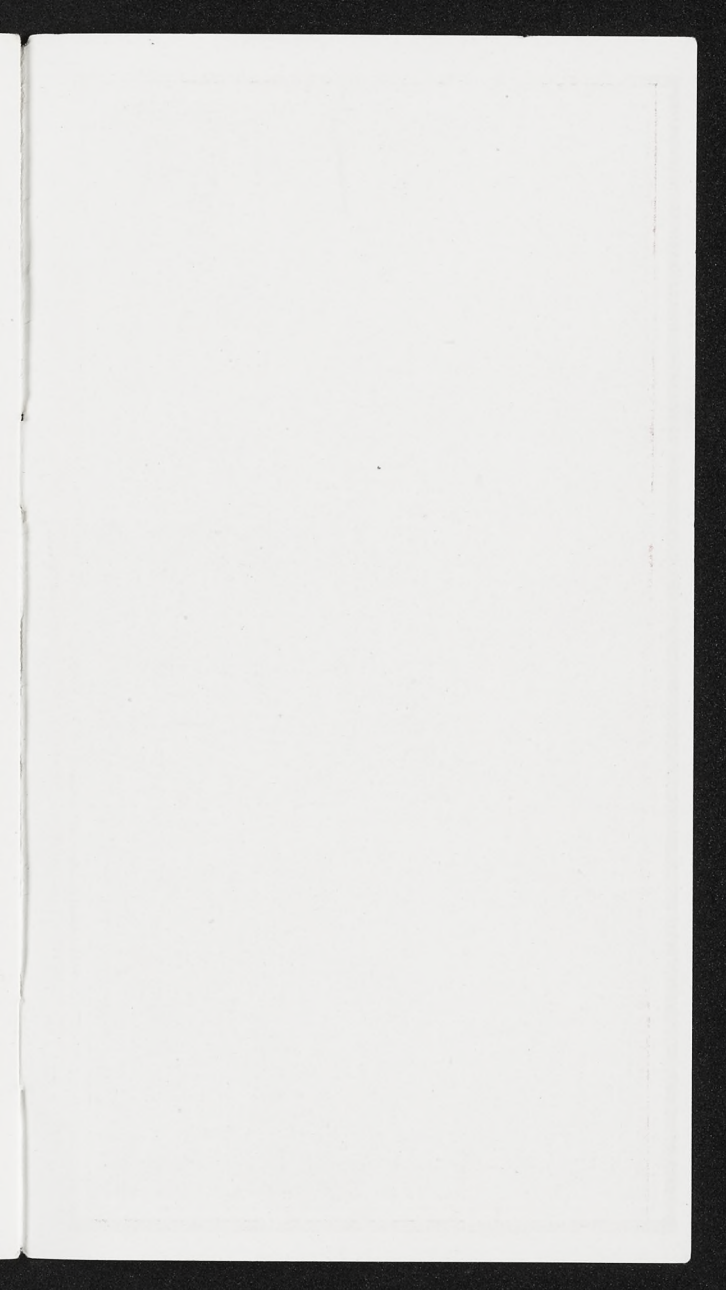


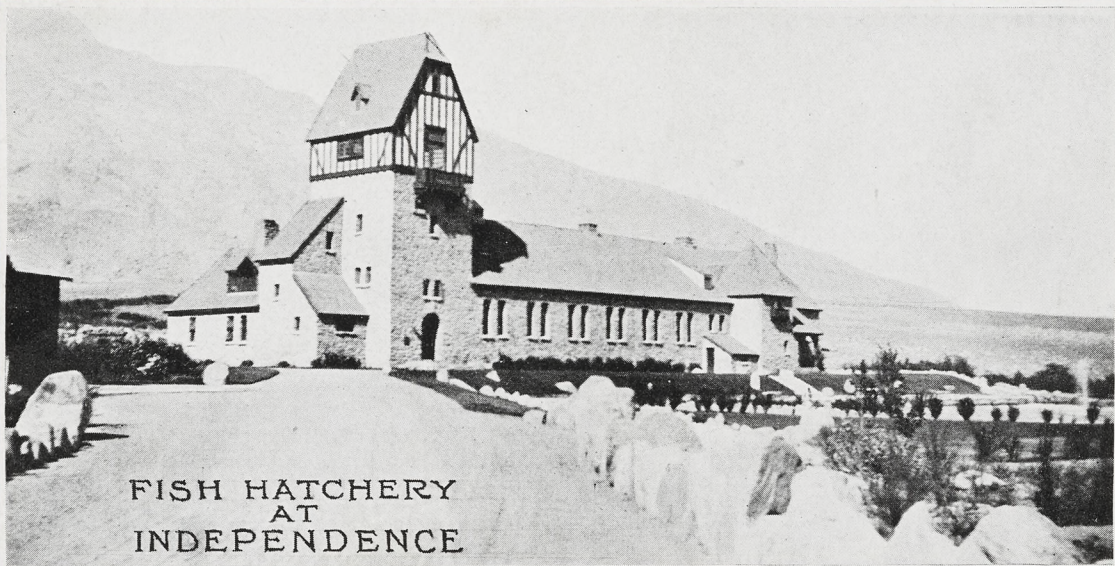
U. S. Weather Bureau

Situated at Independence is a U. S. Weather Bureau. Records kept since 1895 show the annual temperature averages 54.8°. The lowest recorded temperature was 4° above zero; this being in 1907. The highest temperature reached was 105° lasting but one day.



MT. WILLIAMSON—The Sentinel Overlooking Independence. "Only a few feet lower than Mt. Whitney."





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